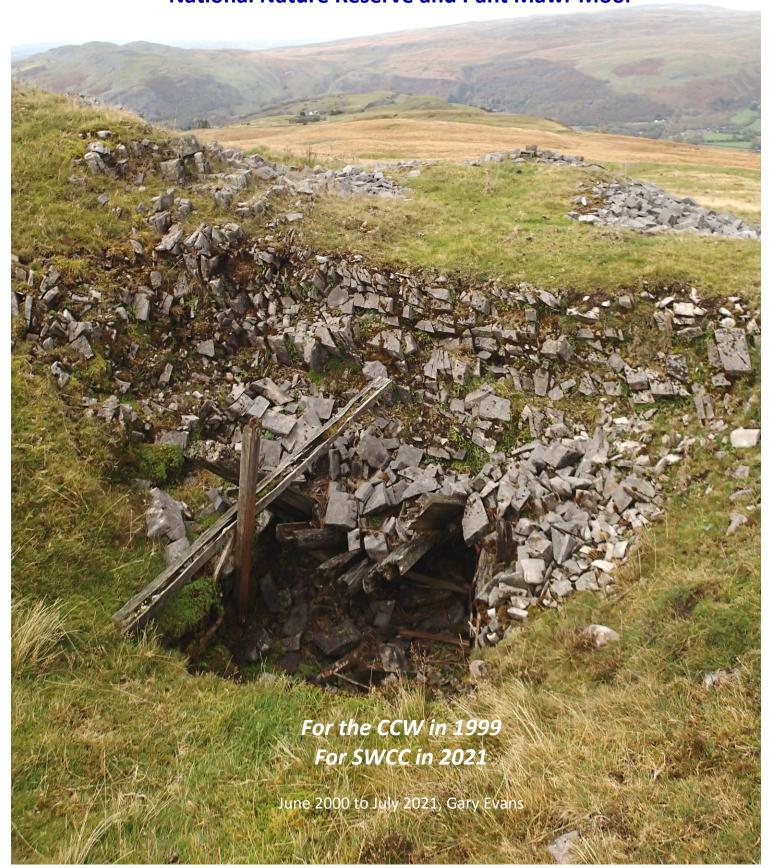
Catalogue of Speleological Sites

Covering the Area between:

The A4067 and the boundary between the Ogof Ffynnon Ddu National Nature Reserve and Pant Mawr Moor



Introduction

This survey was originally undertaken following a request in early 1999 by the CCW to obtain up to date information on the presence and condition of Caves and Digs on the OFD Reserve above Penwyllt.

I had already undertaken an extensive survey of all sites on the Black Mountain for the Brecon Beacons National Park and was also aware of the comprehensive survey of the area East of the Reserve on Pant Mawr and beyond by Westminster Speleological Group. This meant that by extending the area of this survey to meet the previous surveys, a very comprehensive record of sites between the Western edge of the National Park and Penderyn would exist.

To achieve this, the original survey took in all known sites between the A4067 and the boundary between the Reserve and Pant Mawr. All sites are included for completeness regardless of whether they are Caves, Digs, Sinks or Resurgences. This also includes natural holes and rifts. The original survey was undertaken in November 1999 and was written up in between June 2020 and July 2021.

In 2003, I took on the role of Cambrian Cave Registrar and the contents of the 1999 version of this survey were amalgamated into the registry. At the time, there were no digital records and everything had to be uploaded to a database from old written and typed records. Additionally, a considerable number of new sites were added. This all took 5 years!

Brendan Marris took over the Registry after me and not only took it further but produced the excellent online site ogof.org.uk, with pictures and mapping. This was aligned with the registry and further sites were added.

The current Registrar (2021) is Martin Laverty, and he has developed things further, modernising the database and providing a mapping function for the registry.

This 2021 version of the survey includes all the original data, plus those cross-referenced from ogof.org.uk and the Cambrian Cave Registry. There are some anomalies in sites information and grid referencing, though we have worked together to resolve these as far as possible.

Whilst this survey includes all sites that we could find and/or knew about, there will inevitably be other sites that we missed or had not come across in research. Many of the Caves and old sites are well documented in SWCC literature and 'Caves of South Wales'. Ogof Ffynnon Ddu, being a major speleological site is documented in very many publications.

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The Results

Introduction to Layout and Order

Each site has a header section with basic data, followed by a photograph.

The header section records the following:

The name of the site if known, otherwise 'cave', 'dig', etc.			
Cave, Dig, Sink, Resurgence, Natural Hole, etc.			
The date the site was photographed and/or visited.			
If no date, then Not Visited or Not Found.			
A 10 figure grid reference.			
If no reference available, then N/A.			
The length of passages if known or from looking at the site.			
Height above sea level in metres.			
A brief description of the site. More detailed descriptions can be found			
either on the Cambrian Cave Registry listing or the list of site references			
in the Registry listing.			
This refers to whether the site is safe or needs attention.			
Discoverers or diggers if known. Current diggers listed if known.			
Denotes whether the site is on the OFD Reserve, the Allt Rhongyr			
Nature Reserve, or the Craig y Rhiwarth Nature Reserve.			
Information relating to a survey if one exists.			
Link to the relevant page on the Cambrian Caving Registry.			
Link to the relevant page on ogof.org.uk.			

The sites are listed in East to West order.

OFD Area Digs - East to West

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18	Hole in Shakehole	87967 16395	69	Dig Near Cutting	86218 15989
19	Dig in Rift	87946 16402	70	Aeroplane Hole	86205 15915
20	Chasm 1 (North)	87930 14910	71	Ogof Yr Ffordd	86173 15823
21	Heather Hole	87941 15266	72	Dig in Shakehole	85978 15744
22	Pete Francis's Dig	87840 16515	73	Large Doline	85955 15245
23	Lost Valley Sink	87805 15455	74	Clive's Dig - Near Stile	85909 15582
24	Lost Valley Intermediate Sink	87747 15720	75	Dig in Shakehole	85905 15835
25	Dig & Small Sink in Lost Valley	87744 15707	76	Zach's dig	85880 15698
26	Dig against Limestone Wall	87733 16324	77	Dig North of Twll Gwynt Oer	85875 16060
27	Dig in Depression	87730 16276	78	Dig Above Twll Gwynt Oer	85867 15990
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32	Hole in Grit Upper Lost Valley	87690 15974	83	Solution Tube in Wall	85753 15666
33	Firebeater Hill Dig 3	87485 16417	84	Dan Y Chwarel	85745 15612
34	Firebeater Hill Dig 2	87462 16398	85	Cwm Dwr 1 OFD Entrance	85745 15592
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39	Jem Rowlands Dig	87386 16658	91	Cwmdwr 2	85722 15621
40	Hole	87376 16383	92	Solution Tube in Wall	85712 15562
41	Dig With Spoil Pile	87369 16319	93	Small Dig in Rift	85696 15549
42	Hole Near Outcrop	87365 16385	94	Rift in Cwmdwr Quarry	85688 15605
43	Deep Hole	87364 16308	95	Small Solution Tube	85660 15670
44	Hole in Floor	87350 16420	96	Deep Rift	85631 15304
45	Dig in Shakehole	87350 16330	97	Keyhole Cave	85608 15253
46	Quarry with 3 Holes	87324 16280	98	Horseless Carriage Dig	85665 15700
47	Old Dig	87290 16585	99	Brickworks Quarry Cave	85598 15316
48	Hole in Depression	87289 16436	100	Small Rift	85572 15285
49	Dig 50	87272 16370	101	Large choked Sink	85560 15560
50	Hole North of Hot Air Mine	87255 16415	102	Sink	85527 15573
51	Steel Drum Dig	87258 16545	103	Ogof Gweath Brics (Dudley Dig)	85518 15263
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57	Babysitters Dig	87006 16562	109	Stump Hole	85357 15379
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59	Small Pot Below Babysitters	86982 16577	111	Dig Behind The Stump 1	85319 15336
60	Resurgence	86790 16577	112	Dig Behind The Stump 2	85331 15325
61	Resurgence	86593 16410	113	Sink in Shakehole Near Road	85305 15652
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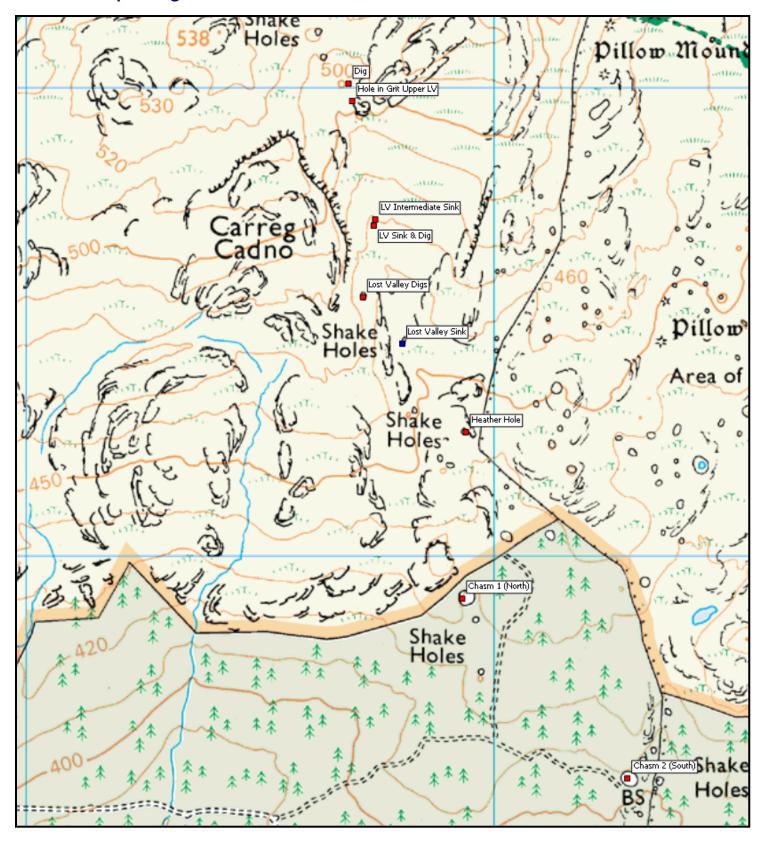
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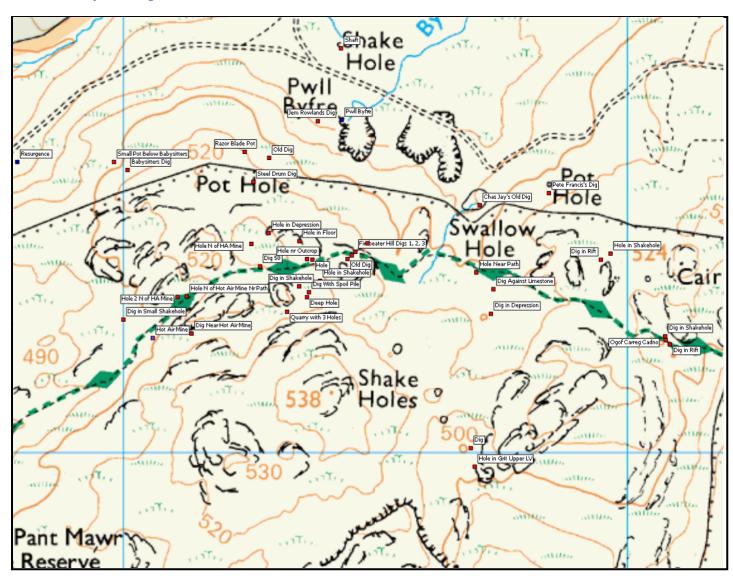
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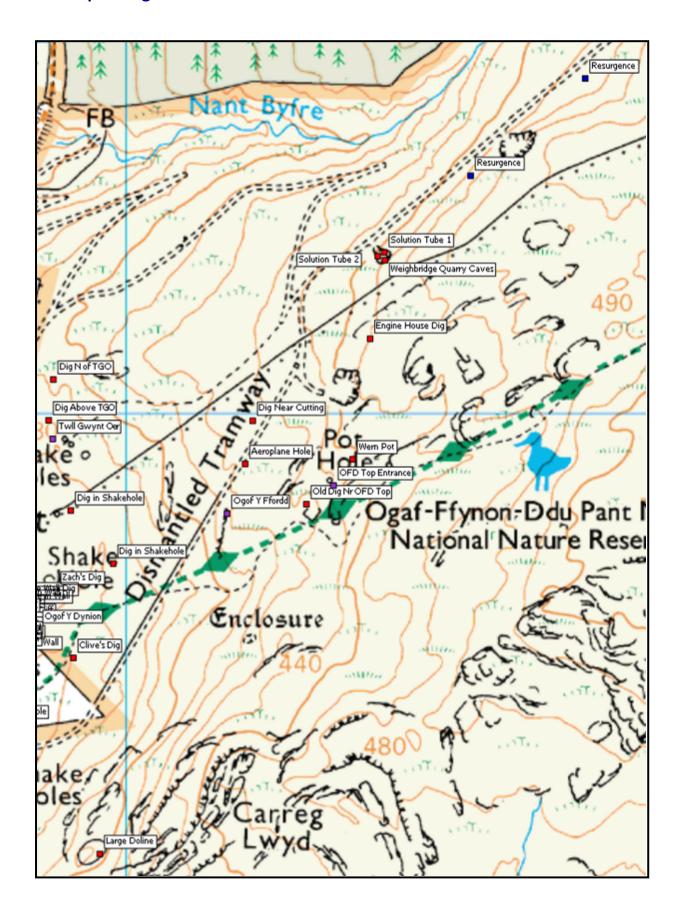
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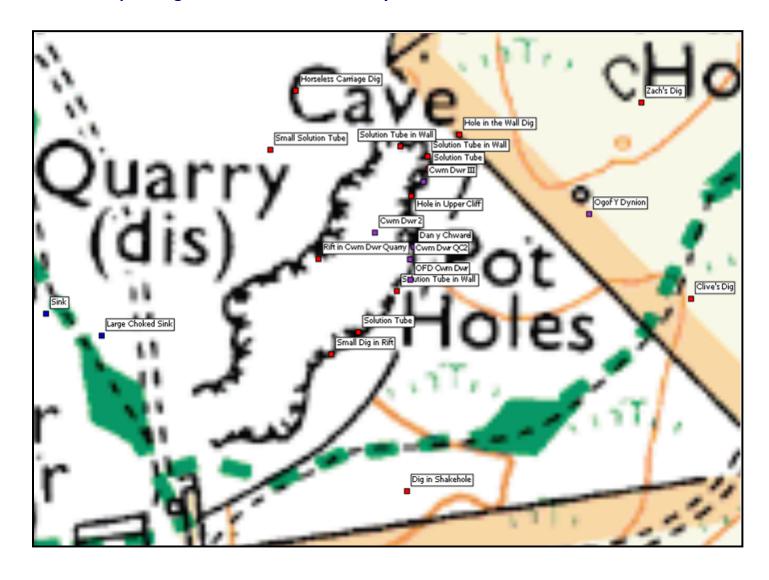
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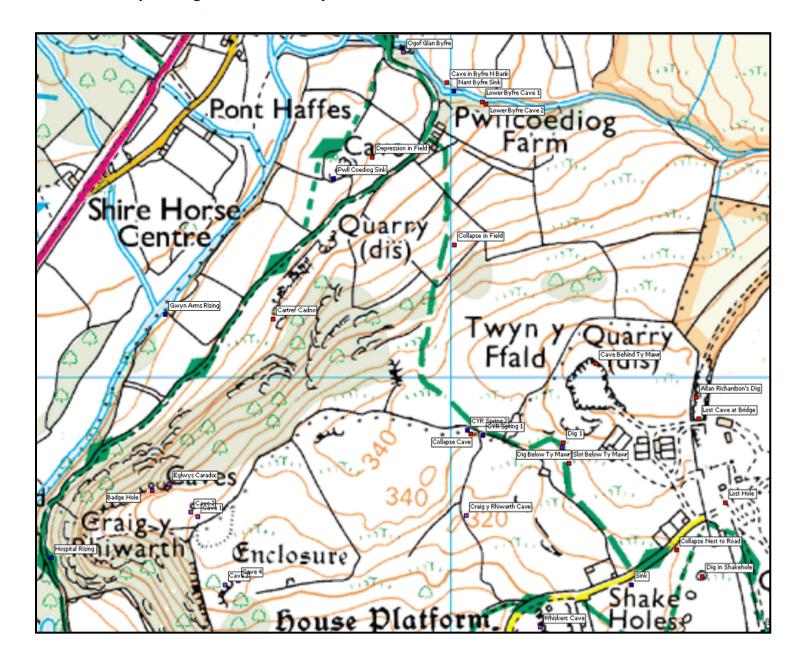
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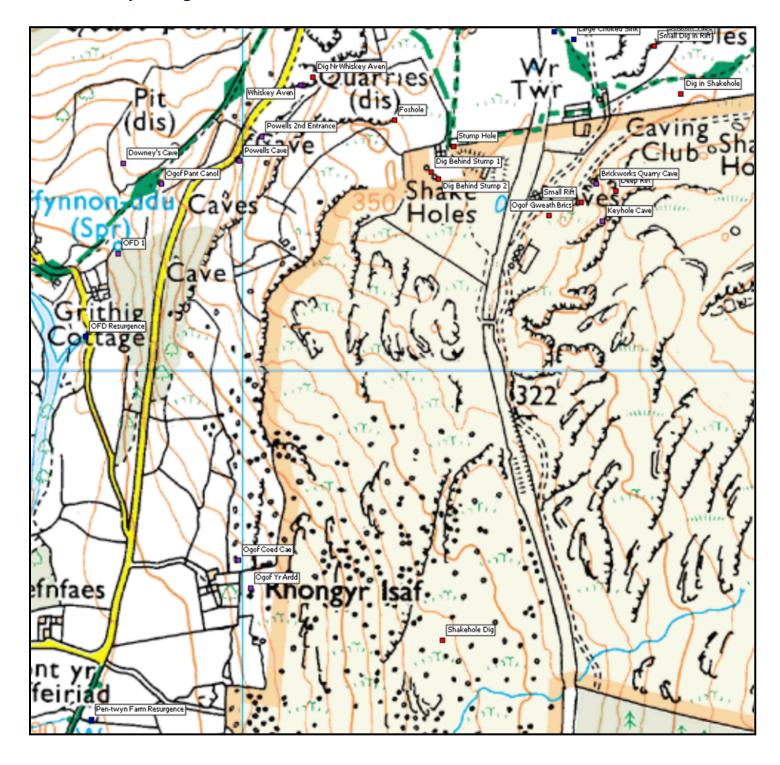
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The Sites

Name Chasm 2 (South)
Type Gritstone Shakehole

 Survey Date
 16/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 88286 14526

Length N/A Altitude 407m Reserve No

Description Very large Gritstone Shakehole

There has been confusion over the naming of the Chasms. There is another hole on the other side of the nearby boundary wall at SN 88356 14517. This is outside the area chosen for this project, but is mentioned as at one time

it may have been called 'Chasm 1'.

Condition Loose rock throughout Shakehole

Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1835





Name Dig in Rift

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 16/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 88085 16217

Length 1m Altitude 506m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Two small digs in natural open rifts, beside path at far side of reserve.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=395



Name Ogof Carreg Cadno

Chas's New Dig

Type Cave / Dig
Survey Date 16/10/2020
Grid Reference 88075 16216

Length 50m Altitude 505m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Dig in rift, now covered with railway sleepers with spoil heap nearby (see

photo below). Was called Chas's dig for many years. Active Dig with good prospects. Water that builds up in the dig has been dye tested to R1

Resurgence in the Need Fechan by Tony Donovan & Roy Morgan.

Condition Good

Found / Dug By Originally Stuart France then Chas Jay et al for many years

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=394



Name Dig in Shakehole North of Ogof Carreg Cadno

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 16/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 88075 16228

Length 2m Altitude 506m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Old dig now covered with wood and metal sheets.

Condition Safe at present

Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1802



Name Hole in Shakehole

Type Natural Hole Survey Date 11/12/2020 Grid Reference 87967 16395

Length 1m Altitude 510m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR
Description Natural hole in shakehole

Condition Open hole Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=2021-3



December 2020 Name Dig in Rift

Type Dig / Natural Rift

Survey Date 11/12/2020
Grid Reference 87946 16402
Length Unknown
Altitude 511m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Deep rift that has received some attention in past. Now covered with

wood and stone.

Condition Safe at present

Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=393



December 2020 Name Chasm 1 (North)

Type Dig

Survey Date 16/10/2020
Grid Reference 87933 14910
Length Unknown
Altitude 430m
Reserve No

Dig in one of two deep dolines, now blown in and abandoned. SWCC

conducted a highly mechanised digging campaign in 1972, sinking a doglegged shaft some 8m deep in gritstone boulders. The dig was

abandoned after blasting caused a minor 'earthquake' amongst boulders

right across the shakehole floor.

Condition Unknown

Found / Dug By Peter Harvey & W.H Little. 1972 SWCC: Jem Rowland, Bob Hall, and others Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=392







Name Heather Hole

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 11/12/2020

 Grid Reference
 87941 15266

Length 11m Altitude 444m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Dig in shakehole. Dug to 11m and to the sound of a stream. Dye tested by

Tony Donovan, Roy Morgan & Adrian Paniwynk in 2003 to R1 in the Need Fechan. Mistakenly referred to as 'Lost Valley Sink' in some reports during

dye testing.

Condition Safe. Dig site covered.

Found / Dug By Allan Richardson et al and then Tony Donovan.

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=2021-1



December 2020

Name Pete Francis's Dig

Type Dig

Survey Date 16/10/2020 Grid Reference 87840 16515 Length 6m deep shaft

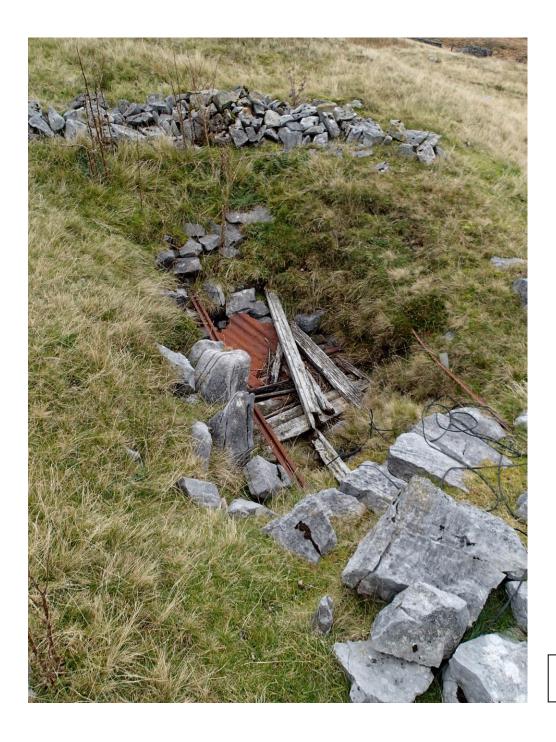
Altitude 506m Reserve No

Description Above and beyond Pwll Byfre. Natural shaft enlarged by digging.

Condition Safe but messy

Found / Dug By Peter Francis and later, Sam Moore

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=391



Name Sink at End of Lost Valley / Lost Valley Sink

Type Sink

 Survey Date
 16/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 87814 15452

Length N/A Altitude 455m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Sink at end of Lost Valley. Reputed to have been dug, but there is no

visible evidence.

Condition Safe Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1425





Name Lost Valley Intermediate Sink

Type Sink

 Survey Date
 12/11/2020

 Grid Reference
 87747 15720

Length 1m Altitude 470m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Sink part way down Lost Valley next to a tree.

Condition Safe Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=2021-5



November 2020

Name Dig & Small Sink in Lost Valley

Type Dig & Sink
Survey Date 12/11/2020
Grid Reference 87744 15707

Length 2m Altitude 468m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Sink part way down Lost Valley that has been dug in the past and has

open holes in it. Notable for being in limestone, the valley being deep

enough to have cut down through the gritstone cap.

Condition Safe Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=2021-6





November 2020

Name Dig against Limestone Wall

Type Dig

Survey Date 16/10/2020
Grid Reference 87733 16324
Length 1m deep
Altitude 509m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Dig in limestone area, now collapsed to less than a metre depth.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=389



Name Dig in Depression

Type Dig

Survey Date 16/10/2020
Grid Reference 87730 16276
Length 2m depth
Altitude 509m

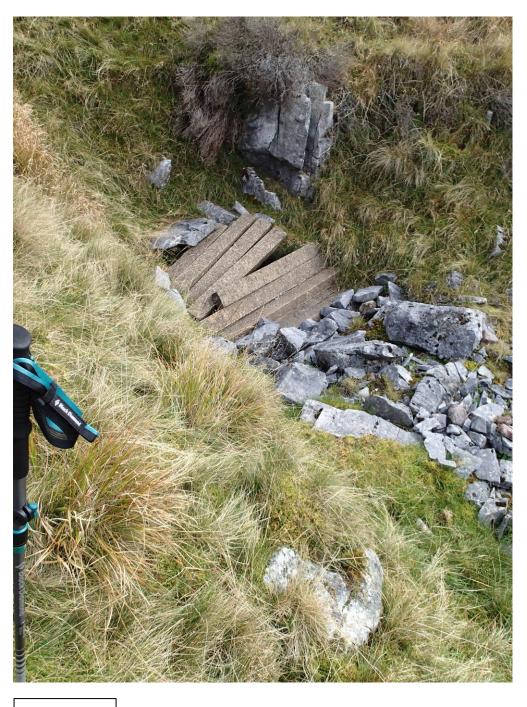
Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Dig in depression amongst limestone boulders.

Condition Covered by Concrete Lintels

Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=388



Name Lost Valley Digs

Type Digs

Survey Date 16/10/2020
Grid Reference 87721 15554
Length 5 metres
Altitude 466m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Digs in shakehole in Lost Valley through grit cover. Open entrance goes a

long way into side of shakehole.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By SWCC, Clive Jones et al 1969

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=390







SWCC 1969 SWCC Archive





Name Chas Jay's Dig
Type Sink and Dig
Survey Date 16/10/2020
Grid Reference 87708 16491

Length Varies depending on infill from water.

Altitude 489m Reserve No

Description A major dig in a large shakehole, with a stream sinking. A promising site,

but floodwaters refilled the dig as fast as it could be excavated. Dye tested to the OFD Resurgence and Craig y Nos (possible Hospital Rising)

Condition Safe but a mess

Found / Dug By Chas Jay & Bruce Foster in 1964 and then SWCC in 2006

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=387



October 2020



SWCC 2006 Name
Type
Natural Hole
Survey Date
Grid Reference
Natural Hole
11/12/2020
87701 16358

Length 1m Altitude 501m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Appears to be a natural, deepish hole, covered loosely with concrete

lintels.

Condition Safe Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=386



December 2020 Name Dig

Type Dig in depression

 Survey Date
 16/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 87690 16010

Length 1m Altitude 499m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Old dig out towards the Lost Valley sites. Digging revealed a good draft and a

small chamber, but the terrain beyond proved extremely unstable.

Condition Needs attention, bit of a mess.

Found / Dug By Tony Donovan et al 2003. Had been dug prior to that.

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=2018-7



Name Hole in Grit in Upper Lost Valley

Type Deep Hole Survey Date 11/12/2020 Grid Reference 87690 15974

Length 2m Altitude 501m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Deep hole in gritstone on Lost Valley

Condition Natural Hole Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=2021-7



December 2020 Name Firebeater Hill Dig 3

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 11/12/2020

 Grid Reference
 87485 16417

Length 1-2m Altitude 509m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR
Description Old dig near fence

Condition Open hole Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=383



December 2020

Name Firebeater Hill Dig 2

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 16/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 87462 16398

Altitude 511m Length 1.5m deep

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Old hole/dig close to path. Now covered with concrete lintels. False floor

1.5m down – could be deeper again.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=384



Name Firebeater Hill Dig 1

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 16/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 87454 16391

Length 1-2m Altitude 512m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Remains of old dig – now backfilled.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=385



Name Pwll Byfre

Type Sink

 Survey Date
 11/12/2020

 Grid Reference
 87434 16660

Length N/A
Altitude 474m
Reserve No

Description The largest and the most upstream sink for OFD streamway water.

Various digs have taken place here, all subsequently washed in by

flooding. The sink itself is slowly changing position, moving West over the

years.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Various

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=382







December 2020

Name Old Dig
Type Dig

 Survey Date
 11/12/2020

 Grid Reference
 87442 16383

Length 1m Altitude 513m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Old dig which comprises a hole with limestone rocks thrown out. Failed to

take photo during 2020 survey.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=380



October 1999

Name Shaft (now a bog)

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 1999 & 2020

 Grid Reference
 87430 16800

Length None Altitude 474m Reserve No

Description North of the Byfre Sink. Not found in 1999 or 2020, the 1993 listing

describes it as 'a natural shaft, now backfilled and turning to bog'. This is in the boggy/marshy area North of the track that crosses the Byfre prior to it sinking, which seems an unlikely place for a dig. The Grid Reference

may be incorrect, or all traces could have now disappeared.

Condition N/A

Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=2021-8

Name Hole in Shakehole

Type Natural Hole
Survey Date 16/10/2020
Grid Reference 87391 16341
Length Unknown
Altitude 522m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Natural hole in small shakehole with concrete lintel

Condition Not a major hazard

Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=2021-9



Name Jem Rowland's Dig

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 11/12/2020

 Grid Reference
 87386 16658

Length None Altitude 478m Reserve No

Description Located on the hillside above Pwll Byfre. A dig following a dowsing trace.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Jem Rowland

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=1804



December 2020 Name Hole Type Dig

Survey Date 11/12/2020
Grid Reference 87376 16383
Length Unknown
Altitude 519m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Small dig revealing water worn rift. Not found in 2020.

Condition Open Rift Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1803



Brendan Marris 2013

Name Dig with Spoil Pile

Type Dig

Survey Date 16/10/2020 & 11/12/2020

Grid Reference 87369 16319

Length 2m Altitude 508m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Dig near path. Basically, a large hole with spoil removed to side. A liability

for animals especially.

Condition Needs Attention

Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=377





December 2020 Name Hole Near Outcrop

Type Hole

 Survey Date
 11/12/2020

 Grid Reference
 87365 16385

Length 1m Altitude 518m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Hole near outcrop. Small but deep.

Condition Needs Attention

Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=2021-10



December 2020

Name
Type
Natural Hole
Survey Date
16/10/2020
Grid Reference
Length
Altitude
Deep Hole
Natural Hole
16/10/2020
Unknown
507m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Natural hole in small shakehole

Condition Not a major hazard

Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=2021-11



Name
Type
Natural Hole
Survey Date
Grid Reference
Length
Altitude

Hole in floor
16/10/2020
87350 16420
1m deep
508m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Natural hole about a metre deep with piece of wood placed across

top. Not found in 2020.

Condition Not a major hazard

Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=378



Name Dig in Shakehole

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 16/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 87350 16330

Length 2m+ Altitude 509m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Old dig near path with wood and rocks on top. Messy and potentially

dangerous. Unable to find in 2020, may be an error in original Grid

Reference and has since been tidied and covered.

Condition N/A

Found / Dug By Clive Jones, Stuart France

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=376



Name Quarry with 3 holes
Type Natural holes and Digs

Survey Date 16/10/2020
Grid Reference 87324 16280
Length 1-2m each
Altitude 499m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description 3 holes near small Quarry, two of which have received attention from

diggers.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=374



Name Old Dig Type Dig

Survey Date 16/10/2020
Grid Reference 87290 16585
Length Unknown
Altitude 504m
Reserve No

Description Old dig, now covered with wooden stakes.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=2021-12



Name Hole in Depression

Type Natural Hole Survey Date 16/10/2020 Grid Reference 87289 16436

Length 1m Altitude 509m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Hole in depression between path and Reserve edge.

Condition Safe Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=373



Name Dig 50 Type Dig

 Survey Date
 16/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 87272 16370

Length 1m Altitude 509m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Covered Dig

Condition Safe Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1797



Name Hole North of Hot Air Mine

Type Dig

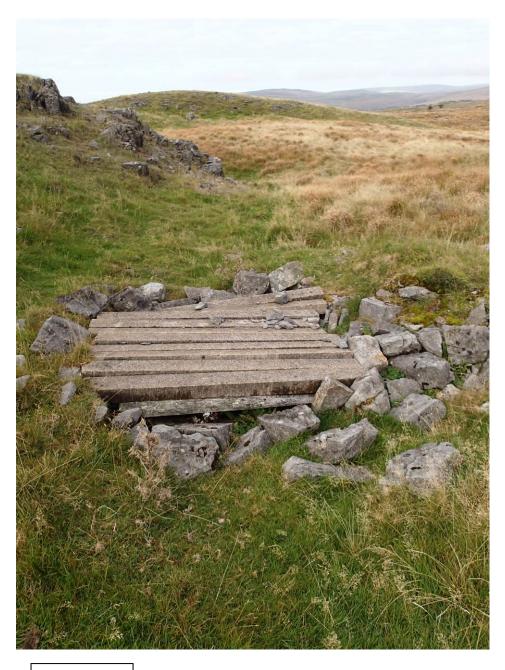
Survey Date 16/10/2020
Grid Reference 87255 16415
Length Unknown
Altitude 520m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Hole near path with large spoil heap. Covered by CCW.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1258



Name Steel Drum Dig

Type Dig

Survey Date 16/10/2020
Grid Reference 87260 16539
Length 35m deep
Altitude 511m

Reserve Edge – between fence and wall.

Description (From 1993) – 'A loose 10m shaft, reinforced by corrugated rings & by

timbers, now badly rotted. Gives access to a large, unstable chamber. Not currently active, but has a very strong draught (in snowy conditions, a column of ice crystals has been seen to be blown some 20m into the air.). Due to its position beyond the known cave, it would be unfortunate if this site was lost; its present condition is, however, unsatisfactory - some sort of cap is required. This was almost cortainly called (Dai Hunt's Dir.)

of cap is required'. This was almost certainly called 'Dai Hunt's Dig'

originally.

This site was dug by Clive Jones et al during 1996 to 1998 and went to a depth of 35m before work on the dig ended. Now properly capped, gated

and locked.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Dai Hunt, Bill Little, then Clive Jones, Tony Donovan

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=375



November 2020

Name Razor Blade Pot

Type Dig

Survey Date 16/10/2020
Grid Reference 87242 16597
Length Unknown
Altitude 510m
Reserve No

Description Old dig, now covered with concrete lintels.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1806



Brendan Marris 2008 Name Dig Near Hot Air mine

Type Dig

Survey Date 11/12/2020
Grid Reference 87136 16237
Length 3m deep
Altitude 509m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Old dig – around 3m deep, originally covered with old sheets and rubbish

and now covered with concrete lintels.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=371



Brendan Marris 2009 Name Hole North of Hot Air Mine Near Path

Type Natural Hole Survey Date 11/12/2020 Grid Reference 87127 16310

Length 1m Altitude 505m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Hole near path. May have been dug in the past.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=2021-13



December 2020

Name Hole 2 North of Hot Air Mine

Type Dig

Survey Date 11/12/2020
Grid Reference 87108 16321
Length Unknown
Altitude 506m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Dig now covered with 5 concrete lintels.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=370



December 2020 Name Hot Air Mine

Type Dig

Survey Date 16/10/2020
Grid Reference 87059 16228
Length 20m Deep
Altitude 499m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description 20m free-climbable shaft beneath railway sleepers in small shakehole.

Leads to large chamber & low crawlway, both with strong draughts. Good prospects of extensions to OFD III, though inactive for more than 5 years.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By SWCC – Dobsons et al

Surveyed By Allan Richardson & Graham Christian 2002

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=367



Name Babysitters Dig

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 16/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 87006 16562

Length 15m Altitude 502m Reserve No

Description In rocky outcrops above the track to the Byfre. An active dig which has

become a deep shaft. Was a 7m shaft in 1993 and is now a 15m deep huge shaft The site is well covered with corrugated sheets and wood.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By SWCC – Sam Moore, Allan Richardson, Clark Friend, Graham Christian,

Chris Grimmett, Simon Amatt et al.

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=368



Name Dig in Small Shakehole

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 16/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 87001 16265

Length 1m Altitude 496m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Dig in small shakehole with rocks thrown out of hole.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=2021-14



Name Small Pot Below Babysitters Dig

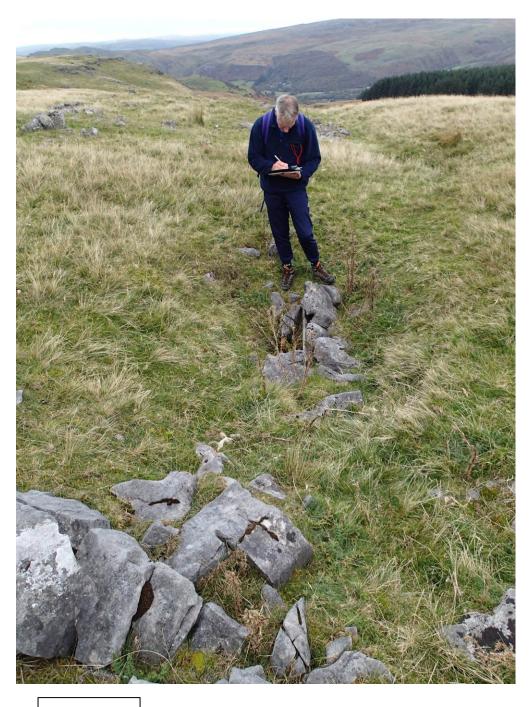
Type Old Dig
Survey Date 16/10/2020
Grid Reference 86982 16577

Length 1m Altitude 498m Reserve No

Dig in small shakehole with rocks thrown out of hole.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1809



Name Resurgence

Type Spring

 Survey Date
 16/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 86790 16577

Length N/A
Altitude 466m
Reserve No

Description Natural Spring

Condition Safe Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1807



Name Resurgence

Type Spring

 Survey Date
 16/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 86593 16410

Length N/A
Altitude 463m
Reserve No

Description Natural Spring

Condition Safe Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=2021-15



Name Engine House Dig

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 16/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 86420 16130

Length 1m Altitude 463m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description This dig (just) pre-dated the opening of top entrance, the latter making it

superfluous - probably as well, as the dig would have entered column hall!

Now infilled with boulders; could be easily capped, but probably

unnecessary. Messy.

Condition Safe but nasty metal and debris needs clearing up.

Found / Dug By Clive Jones et al

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=361



Name
Type
Survey Date
Grid Reference
Solution Tube 1
Natural Hole
16/10/2020
86445 16278

Length 3m Altitude 453m Reserve No

Description Tube in quarry wall

Condition Safe Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=2021



Name Weighbridge Quarry Caves

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 16/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 86445 16265

Length 3m Altitude 453m Reserve No

Description Cave 1 is in the upper quarry wall. Cave 2 is the lower cave which is a

small sand-choked cave at rear of quarry floor, presently waterlogged.

Dug for several metres in top of large sand filled passage.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Cave 1 dug by Pete Francis et al and surveyed by Allan Richardson & Brian

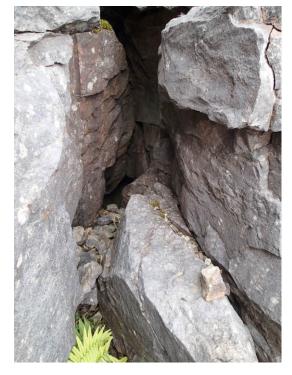
Clipstone in 2000/2001

Cave 2 dug by Allan Richardson, Sam Moore, Phil Buckberry, Kevin Davies,

et al in mid 1980's when it had dried up.

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=364







October 2020

Name
Solution Tube 2
Type
Natural Hole
Survey Date
16/10/2020
Grid Reference
86434 16271

Length 4m Altitude 453m Reserve No

Description Hole in quarry wall

Condition Safe Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=362



Name
Type
Natural Hole
Survey Date
Grid Reference
Length
Altitude
Wern Pot
16/10/2020
86390 15923
5m deep
450m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description An open 5m deep rift close to the path across the reserve, just above top

entrance. How this feature avoided becoming the first entrance to OFD is

a mystery! Its presence is not advertised.

Condition Open deep Hole (Natural Hole)

Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=366



Name Ogof Ffynnon Ddu Top Entrance

Type Cave

 Survey Date
 16/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 86357 15878

Length 70km Altitude 433m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description One of three entrances to OFD. Covered in SWCC and other literature at

length. This entrance was called Ogof y Nos Hir at one time.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Peter Harvey (OFD 1). SWCC opened this entrance in 1967

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=360

Ogof.org.uk http://www.ogof.org.uk/ofd2.html



Name Old Dig Near OFD Top Entrance

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 11/12/2020

 Grid Reference
 86310 15846

Length 2m Altitude 427m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Old dig, now part filled with rocks heading under outcrop.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=2021-17



December 2020

Name Dig Near Cutting

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 16/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 86218 15989

Length 1m Altitude 423m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Old dig, now backfilled to within a metre of the surface and covered with

old railway sleepers.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=358



Name Aeroplane Hole
Type Natural Hole
Survey Date 16/10/2020
Grid Reference 86205 15915

Length 5m Altitude 423m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Hole in floor at side of tramway cutting. Sheep trap, now covered with

rocks to stop animals entering.

Condition Safe Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=355



Name Ogof Yr Ffordd
Type Cave and Dig
Survey Date 16/10/2020
Grid Reference 86173 15823

Length 80m Altitude 416m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description A passage in the rocky outcrops, to the right of the incline on the walk to

OFD top entrance. The low entrance leads, via a squeeze, to a junction with a larger passage. This is choked in both directions with moonmilk - to the left after 20m and to the right 30m. A low crawl leading off from the right hand branch becomes too tight, Due to the proximity of this cave to

passages in OFD, its presence is not advertised.

Someone had been digging this Cave without permission in 1998.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=356



Name Dig in Shakehole

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 16/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 85978 15744

Length None Altitude 371m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR
Description Old dig in shakehole

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1839



Name Large Doline
Type Sink / Dig
Survey Date 01/10/2020
Grid Reference 85955 15245

Length None Altitude 398m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description A very large collapse feature, above the area of the first river chamber,

OFD 2. This was possibly an open shaft in pre-glacial times & may be the point at which the grit boulders entered the OFD streamway below this point. GR is for an old dig in loose boulders, now collapsed within the

doline. Referred to in some sources as 'the Chasm'.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=352



Name Clive's Dig - Near Stile

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 01/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 85909 15582

Length 10m Altitude 361m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Dig near stile, opened during SWCC Club 50 week following resistivity and

drilling by Clive Jones. A 4m shaft leads to small tubes, one of which has been progressed around 5 to 6m. Now covered with sleepers and turf,

leaving only a just visible square patch of mismatched grass.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Clive Jones et al

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=350



Name Dig in Shakehole

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 16/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 85905 15835

Length None Altitude 375m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description Old dig near Reserve edge. Above projected extension of Twll Gwynt Oer

downstream passage. Now collapsed and disappeared.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Alan Wood

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=354



Name Zach's dig
Type Dig & Sink
Survey Date 01/10/2020
Grid Reference 85880 15698

Length 6m Altitude 368m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description A 6m dug shaft in a large sink/shakehole. Started before Gent's Dig

became Ogof y Dynion after breakthrough but eventually, Zach's dig

broke into the far reaches of Ogof y Dynion in 2006.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Gary Evans, Toby Dryden, Jules Carter

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=345



Name Dig North of Twll Gwynt Oer

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 16/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 85875 16060

Length 1m Altitude 368m Reserve No

Dig in a shallow shakehole North of Twll Gwynt Oer

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=349



Brendan Marris 2008 Name Dig Above Twll Gwynt Oer

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 16/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 85867 15990

Length 1m Altitude 385m Reserve No

Description In a small shakehole above the upstream boulder choke of Twll Gwynt

Oer. Now largely collapsed with an old oil drum in it.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Alan Wood

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=349



Name Twll Gwynt Oer

Type Dig / Cave
Survey Date 16/10/2020
Grid Reference 85874 15958

Length 70m Altitude 368m Reserve No

Description Capped 10m shaft in a small shakehole leads to a miniature streamway.

Upstream (north) reaches a boulder collapse after approx 30m. Downstream, the passage enters a constricted sump after a similar distance, which receives occasional (chemical) attention. The water flowing in this small cave appears in Cwmdwr Jama via the upstream

choke and passes through Cwm Dwr 2 to get there.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Brian Jopling & SWCC

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=348

Ogof.org.uk http://www.ogof.org.uk/twll-gwynt-oer.html



Name
Type
Dig & Cave
Survey Date
O1/10/2020
Grid Reference
S5849 15632

Length 230m Altitude 368m

Reserve Ogof Ffynnon Ddu NNR

Description An old dig, first worked on in 1950. First called Ladies Dig and then Gents

Dig.

Dig in base of large shakehole. 3m shaft leads to

a. Old dig - a small rift leading south, became too tight (1993). In 1996, this was dug out and 200m of Cave was found beyond.

b. New dig - a low arch leads westwards into a small chamber. This appears to be the top of a large rubble cone; resistivity tests suggest presence of large passage nearby.

The shaft was capped in 1993.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By SWCC over many years and in 1996, Dominic Hyland and Andy Ward.

Later, Allan Richardson, Graham Christian, Sam Moore, Brian Clipstone et

al, until a collapse stopped work.

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=346



Name Hole in the Wall Dig

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 01/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 85772 15679

Length 2m Altitude 367m Reserve No

Description The dig has been connected to the end of Cwm Dwr III. The dig continues

East in search of a continuation of the cave indicated in a resistivity survey

of the area.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Clive Jones, then Bill Buxton

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1796



Name Cwm Dwr III / Cwm Dwr Quarry Cave 1

Type Cave

 Survey Date
 01/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 85760 15648

Length 30m Altitude 347m Reserve No

Description A small cave which was discovered in the 1950's during the search for

Cwm Dwr Quarry Cave

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=343



October 2020



Name Solution Tube in Wall

Type Natural Hole Survey Date 01/10/1999 Grid Reference 85753 15666

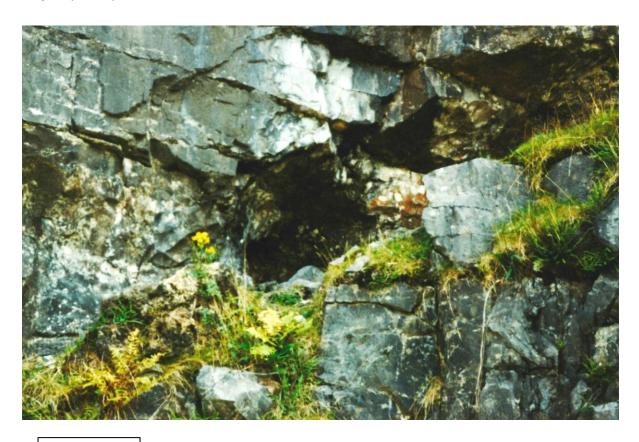
Length2mAltitude349mReserveNo

Description Hole in Cwm Dwr quarry Wall. Photographed in 1999 but not found in

2020.

Condition Safe Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=2021-18



Name Dan Y Chwarel

Type Dig / Cave
Survey Date 01/10/2020
Grid Reference 85750 15610

Length 15m Altitude 342m Reserve No

Description An active dig. A sloping passage at the base of the Cwm Dwr Quarry wall

leads down to a chamber. This has now been extended on for some 8m

(2000). There are two side passages.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Clive Jones

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=340



Name Cwm Dwr Entrance – Ogof Ffynnon Ddu

Type Cave

 Survey Date
 01/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 85745 15592

Length 70Km Altitude 339m Reserve No

Description One of 3 gated entrances to Ogof Ffynnon Ddu.

Condition Safe - Gated

Found / Dug By Clive Jones & SWCC, 1966

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=339

Ogof.org.uk http://www.ogof.org.uk/cwm-dwr.html



Name Solution Tube in Wall

Type Natural Hole Survey Date 01/10/2020 Grid Reference 85735 15586

Length1mAltitude345mReserveNo

Description Small solution tube up in Cwm Dwr Quarry wall with ferns growing out of

it.

Condition Safe Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=334



Brendan Marris 2010 Name Hole in Upper Cwm Dwr Cliff

Type Natural Hole Survey Date 01/10/2020 Grid Reference 85744 15642

Length 2m Altitude 347m Reserve No

Description Hole up in Cwm Dwr Quarry wall.

Condition Safe Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=341



Name Cwmdwr Quarry Cave 2

Type Dig / Cave
Survey Date 01/10/2020
Grid Reference 85743 15605

Length 4m Altitude 340m Reserve No

Description Low, wide passage in Cwm Dwr Quarry wall just above Cwmdwr Entrance

to OFD. It leads immediately to the base of a choked aven, probably the

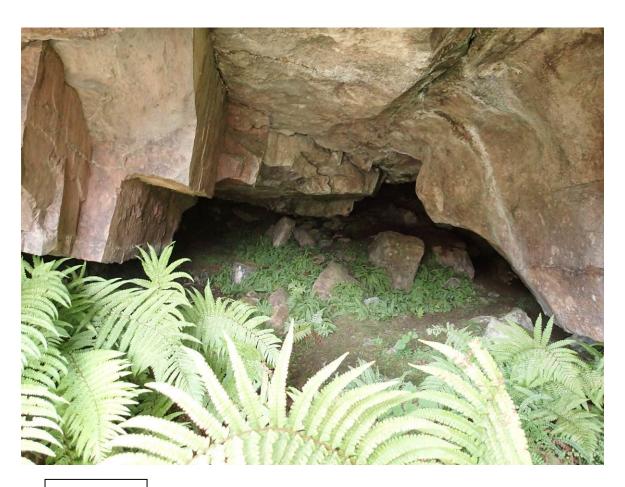
top half of the OFD entrance shaft before quarrying.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Clive Jones & Peter Harvey, then Allan Richardson & Dave Edwards on the

left side and possibly Bruce Foster on the right.

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=338



Name Dig in Shakehole

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 01/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 85741 15468

Length None Altitude 348m Reserve No

Description Beside path behind club. Infilled.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=337



Name Solution Tube in Wall

Type Natural Hole Survey Date 26/11/2020 Grid Reference 85733 15672

Length 2m Altitude 346m Reserve No

Description Hole up in Cwm Dwr Quarry wall.

Condition Safe Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=336



Name Cwm Dwr II

Type Cave

 Survey Date
 01/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 85722 15621

Length 370m Altitude 339m Reserve No

Description A small cave which is probably part of OFD, but as yet is unconnected to

it. The entrance is in the Cwm Dwr Quarry floor and is capped & gated. The entrance passage leads to a what was a short sump, Helen's Horror, but has been a crawl since modification in 2010. Beyond is a junction with

a small stream: upstream, Ping Pong Passage leads to a choke, downstream, via a 13 metre pitch, to a Default Chamber with water entering from a perched sump and following narrow streamway to a

sump.

Condition Safe - gated

Found / Dug By

Registry Entry

Ogof.org.uk

First discovered in 1938. Rediscovered and extended by SWCC in 1990.

http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=335

http://www.ogof.org.uk/cwm-dwr-two.html



Name Solution Tube in Wall

Type Natural Hole Survey Date 01/12/2020 Grid Reference 85712 15562

Length1mAltitude344mReserveNo

Description Small solution tube up in Cwm Dwr Quarry wall with ferns growing out of

it.

Condition Safe Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=342



Brendan Marris 2010 Name Small Dig in Rift

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 01/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 85696 15549

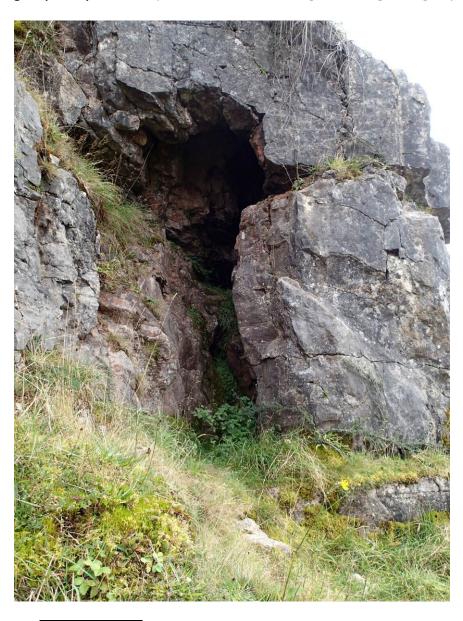
Length5mAltitude346mReserveNo

Description A small untidy hole, half-way up the Cwm Dwr Quarry face.

Condition Safe – with messy spoil

Found / Dug By Peter Harvey & Allan Richardson

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=332



Name Rift in Cwm Dwr Quarry

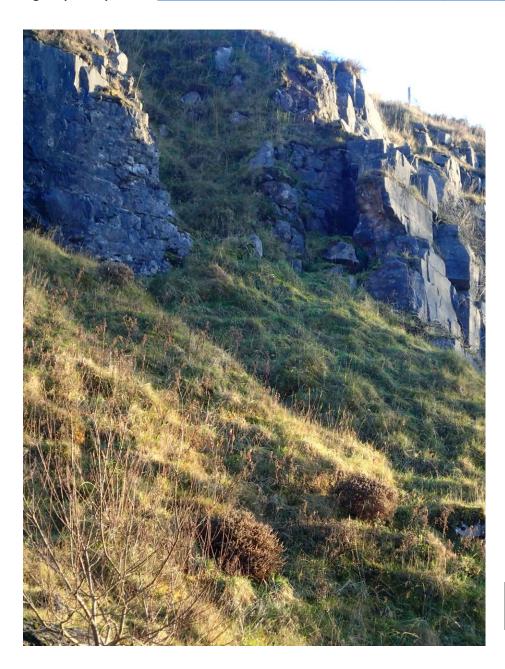
Type Natural Rift
Survey Date 26/11/2020
Grid Reference 85688 15605

Length 3m
Altitude 344m
Reserve No

Description Vertical Rift near top of Cwm Dwr Quarry

Condition Safe Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=333



Name Small Solution Tube

Type Natural Hole Survey Date 26/11/2020 Grid Reference 85660 15670

Length 15m Altitude 343m Reserve No

Description Beside a large pool, now infilled by quarry floor levelling in the small

quarry North of Cwm Dwr Quarry. A single passage which becomes too

tight after 15m. Entrance is obscured by overgrowth.

Condition Not Found Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=331



Name Deep Rift
Type Natural Hole
Survey Date 01/10/2020
Grid Reference 85631 15304

Length 7m Altitude 363m Reserve No

Description Half-way up the back face of the Brickworks Quarry & concealed by

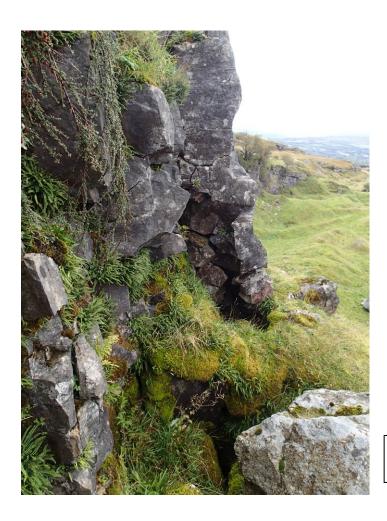
blocks, approx. 7m deep. Not sure if this is a natural feature (may be due

to separation of blocks by quarrying). Not covered.

Condition Although deep, it is difficult to get to

Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=330



Name Keyhole Cave
Type Dig / Natural
Survey Date 01/10/2020
Grid Reference 85608 15253

Length3mAltitude355mReserveNo

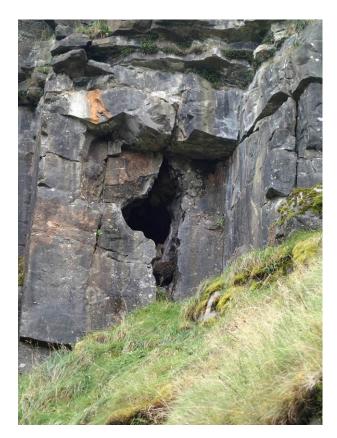
Description A 3m high keyhole passage in the back wall of the Brickworks Quarry.

Choked with sand after a short distance.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Peter Harvey & Les Hawes in 1970's

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=327





Name Horseless Carriage Dig

Type Dig

Survey Date 26/11/2020
Grid Reference 85665 15700
Length Not Known

Altitude 337m Reserve No

Description Reputedly swallowed a Landrover when this area was an active quarry.

Now infilled with scalpings. Dye placed in the dig reappears in Cwm Dwr

Jama main stream. Not found, photograph is of general area.

Condition Overgrown

Found / Dug By Dug in the 1950's without success by SWCC

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=328



Name Brickworks Quarry Cave – Wheelbarrow Dig

Type Cave & Dig
Survey Date 01/10/2020
Grid Reference 85598 15316

Length25mAltitude350mReserveNo

Description Slot in corner of the Brickworks Quarry floor drops 2m into a passage,

approx. 25m long to a boulder collapse. Not covered.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Roger Smith 1967, later Gary Jones et al

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=326



Name Small Rift

Type Dig

Survey Date 01/10/2020
Grid Reference 85572 15285
Length Unknown
Altitude 340m
Reserve No

Description Beside track to Brickworks Quarry. An old dig now largely infilled. Rift

drops down at foot of rock face.

Condition Open hole Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=325



Name Large choked Sink

Type Sink

 Survey Date
 26/11/2020

 Grid Reference
 85560 15560

Length None Altitude 335m Reserve No

Description Beside path from station to club. Now infilled by sludge from quarry,

appears as a shallow pool in wet weather.

Condition Safe Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=324



Name Sink Type Sink

 Survey Date
 10/11/2020

 Grid Reference
 85527 15573

LengthNoneAltitude335mReserveNo

Description A deep sink on the left hand side of the footpath from Penwyllt Station to

the SWCC HQ which takes a small amount of water. Now a surface feature

only with water sinking in the general area.

Condition Safe Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=323



Name Ogof Gweath Brics - Dudley Dig – The Brickworks Dig – Railway Dig

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 01/10/2020

 Grid Reference
 85518 15263

Length 25m Altitude 331m Reserve No

Description Near old loco shed, by brickworks. 7m of 1.5m diameter phreatic tube

descend steeply to a pool. At the bottom of the slope is an aven which was originally filled with sand. A passage leads left through the pool to reach a descending rift which reaches a cross rift after 10 m and then continues a further 20m to the current dig face, generally under water from the cross rift. The dig is close to projected extensions of the upper

Piccadilly series, OFD.

Also known as 'Foxalls Adit' after the Foxall brothers who spent a lot of

time digging there.

Condition Safe - gated Found / Dug By Dudley CC

Survey http://www.dudleycavingclub.org.uk/the_club_dig.htm

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=322



Name Lost Hole in Quarry Floor

Type Collapse
Survey Date 22/07/2021
Grid Reference 85463 15790
Length Unknown
Altitude 332m
Reserve No

Description Just beyond main gates of main quarry. Report from ex-quarry worker of

large and deep hole opening up in the 1970's. Hole was covered and backfilled quite soon after collapse. Dowsing in this area results in a

reaction.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Unknown
Registry Entry None



July 2021 Name Lost Cave at Old Bridge

Type Cave

Survey Date 10/11/2020
Grid Reference 85419 15932
Length Unknown
Altitude 332m
Reserve No

During construction of the (now defunct) railway across the active quarry,

a void was breached. Reputed to have swallowed a truck. Too large to backfill, this was covered with a large steel and concrete cap. Metal detector tests have proved inconclusive, though compasses are affected

in this area.

Photograph shows general area.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=320



Name Allan Richardson's Dig

Type Dig

Survey Date 22/07/2021
Grid Reference 85414 15968
Length Unknown
Altitude 332m
Reserve No

Description A dig in the West cutting wall of the old railway line. Now covered in

brambles. Dig in rift that was enlarged in the early 2000s.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Allan Richardson, Ian Alderman, Clark Friend

Registry Entry None



July 2021 Name Dig in Shakehole

Type Dig

Survey Date 10/11/2020
Grid Reference 85424 15666
Length Unknown
Altitude 332m
Reserve No

Description Behind Penwyllt station. An old dig in the base is now all but infilled by

natural processes.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1838



Name Collapse Next To Road

Type Collapse Feature
Survey Date 10/11/2020
Grid Reference 85384 15702

Length 1m
Altitude 330m
Reserve No

Description Collapse at side of road on Penwyllt Hill. There is a history of collapses in

this area.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=2021-19



Name
Type
Survey Date
Grid Reference
Stump Hole
Natural Hole
10/11/202
85357 15379

Length None Altitude 338m Reserve No

Description A large collapse hole, originally some 8m deep, appeared suddenly in the

late-1970's and threatened to swallow the adjacent Stump inn. Has been backfilled with limestone rubble & now appears as an overgrown area in

front of The Stump.

Condition Safe Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=318



November 2020



1980's

Name Shakehole Sink & Dig

Type Dig

Survey Date 10/11/2020
Grid Reference 85335 14545
Length Unknown
Altitude 289m
Reserve No

Description An old dig in a shakehole South of Penwyllt. This takes a small stream

normally, but in wet weather it can become a major sink, as it takes all the water which flows from the quarry, crosses the track and runs down the railway line before running down the hillside to the sink. Has a low wet

passage which probably connects to Ogof yr Ardd.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Roger Bryan & John Smith 1980, latterly by Nig Rogers

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=1808



Name Dig Behind the Stump 1

Type Dig

Survey Date 26/11/2020
Grid Reference 85319 15336
Length Unknown
Altitude 339m
Reserve No

Description Various excavations and natural cavities in shakeholes and old quarry to

the west of the Stump - old digs that are now not visible. Photo shows

general area.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=317



Brendan Marris 2008 Name Dig Behind the Stump 2

Type Dig

Survey Date 10/11/2020
Grid Reference 85331 15325
Length Unknown
Altitude 338m
Reserve No

Description Old dig in shakehole, now gone. One of two digs in shakeholes near The

Stump.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1798



Name Sink in Shakehole Near Road

Type Sink

 Survey Date
 26/11/2020

 Grid Reference
 85305 15652

Length None Altitude 320m Reserve No

Description Sink at the side of Penwyllt hill.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=316



Name Foxhole Type Dig

 Survey Date
 10/11/2020

 Grid Reference
 85257 15424

Length65mAltitude340mReserveNo

Description 65 metres long ending in sand choke. Some loose boulders near the

entrance.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Peter Harvey & Paul Dolphin in 1950's Surveyed By Allan Richardson & Graham Christian

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=315



Name Cave Behind Ty Mawr

Type Caves and Digs
Survey Date 10/11/2020
Grid Reference 85245 16023
Length Unknown
Altitude 355m
Reserve No

Description A cave passage in the face of Twyn y Ffald Quarry that has been dug.

Condition Unknown Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1795



Name Slot Below Ty Mawr

Type Dig

Survey Date 10/11/2020
Grid Reference 85200 15857
Length Unknown
Altitude 323m
Reserve No

Description Rift in limestone which continues underground in both directions.

Condition Open Hole Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=2021-20



Name Dig 1
Type Dig

Survey Date 10/11/2020
Grid Reference 85190 15892
Length Unknown
Altitude 342m
Reserve No

Description Old dig at with shuttering visible. May connect with 'Dig Below Ty Mawr'.

Condition Open Hole Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=2021-27



Name Dig Below Ty Mawr

Type Dig

Survey Date 10/11/2020
Grid Reference 85187 15884
Length Unknown
Altitude 342m
Reserve No

Reserve No
Description Old dig at base of cliff

Condition Unknown Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=314



Name Whiskers Cave

Type Cave

Survey Date 10/11/2020
Grid Reference 85152 15581
Length Unknown
Altitude 308m
Reserve No

Description In the top quarry beside the road, Penwyllt hill. A flat-out muddy crawl

leads to a T junction with a larger passage. To the right, this ends at a static sump; to the left, the passage is finely decorated with crystal- the walls & floor are encrusted and there are many long, thin crystals - a conservation nightmare. The entrance to this small cave is covered by a slab and soil to conceal its presence. Now covered with Quarry rubble.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=313



Brendan Marris 2008



Name Dig Near Whiskey Aven

Type Dig

Survey Date 10/11/2020
Grid Reference 85119 15496
Length Unknown
Altitude 320m
Reserve No

Description Horizontal passage that has been dug open. Reported to have a voice

connection with Railton-Wilde Series in OFD1

Condition Open & Safe

Found / Dug By Unknown, though caves in this area were investigated by Martyn Farr in

the late 1980s.

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1799



Name Whiskey Aven

Type Cave

 Survey Date
 10/11/2020

 Grid Reference
 85098 15484

Length34mAltitude305mReserveNo

Description There are two entrances, the lower one connecting with the cave halfway

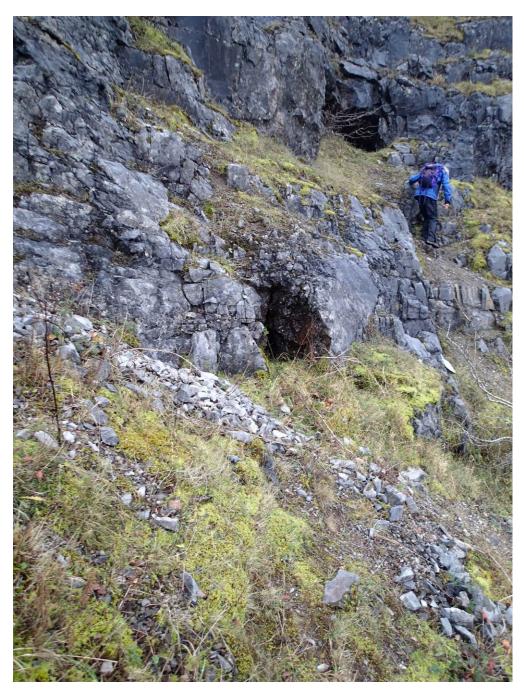
down the pitch. The upper entrance is the top of a 12 metre pitch and the

bottom is a rift blocked with boulders.

Condition Open Rift

Found / Dug By SWCC 1957 – Mary, Jean, John Hartwell, Bill Little, John Bevan

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=312



Name Lower Byfre Cave 2

Type Cave

 Survey Date
 26/11/2020

 Grid Reference
 85060 16463

Length 4m
Altitude 238m
Reserve No

Description Small cave at river level in lower Byfre

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=2021-21



Name Lower Byfre Cave 1

Type Cave

 Survey Date
 26/11/2020

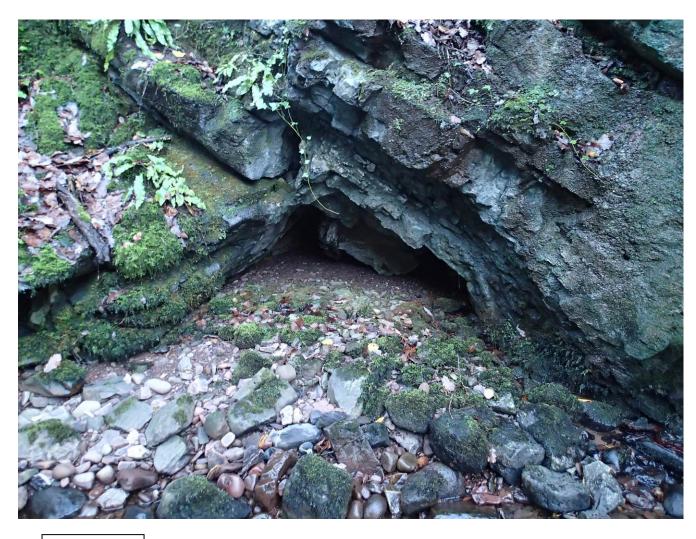
 Grid Reference
 85053 16466

Length5mAltitude237mReserveNo

Description Small cave at river level in lower Byfre

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=2021-22



Name Craig y Rhiwarth Spring 1

Type Spring

 Survey Date
 10/11/2020

 Grid Reference
 85054 15904

Length N/A Altitude 330m

Reserve Craig y Rhiwarth Nature Reserve

Description A small spring near the highest point of the Nature Reserve

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1746



Brendan Marris 2013 Name Powell's Cave 2nd (Upper) Entrance

Type Cave

 Survey Date
 10/11/2020

 Grid Reference
 85033 15396

Length 61m Altitude 291m Reserve No

Description Second entrance to Powells Cave, high up in quarry wall

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=311

Ogof.org.uk http://www.ogof.org.uk/powells-cave.html



Name Collapse Cave

Type Cave

Survey Date 10/11/2020
Grid Reference 85032 15903
Length Unknown
Altitude 331m

Reserve Craig y Rhiwarth Nature Reserve

Description Collapse in Shakehole with cave passage visible.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=2021-23



Name Craig y Rhiwarth Cave

Type Caves

Survey Date 10/11/2020
Grid Reference 85026 15769
Length Unknown
Altitude 319m

Reserve Craig y Rhiwarth Nature Reserve

Description A cave in a rocky outcrop above Craig y Rhiwarth. There are also various

small solution tubes & rifts. There is a possibility that a network of passages exists beneath this area, feeding the risings behind Craig y Nos.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=306





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Name Craig y Rhiwarth Spring 2

Type Spring

 Survey Date
 10/11/2020

 Grid Reference
 85022 15907

Length N/A Altitude 332m

Reserve Craig y Rhiwarth Nature Reserve

Description A small spring near the highest point of the Nature Reserve

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1774



Ogof yr Ardd Name

Type Cave

Survey Date 10/11/2020 Grid Reference 85014 14634

Length 1015m Altitude 216m Reserve No

Both entrances to the cave lie at the rear of Rhongyr Isaf. At the rear of Description

the garden, a stile on the left leads to a group of dolines, one of which contains the second (upper entrance), called Ogof Coed Cae. The entrance which lies at the rear of the garden on land owned by Rhongyr Isaf is surrounded by a wooden fence is the safer and more pleasant way in. A cave that starts out in the friable upper beds of limestone and then changes character at a 13m pitch down an impressive pot, to then continue as a meandering rift for over 700m. Entrance now completely

overgrown.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By SWCC in 1950. Extended by cavers at Minerva in 1985

G.Evans, G.Mitchell, M.Woodfield, S.Davies 2007 Survey

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=309

Ogof.org.uk http://www.ogof.org.uk/ogof-yr-ardd.html



Name Collapse in Field
Type Collapse Feature
Survey Date 26/11/2020
Grid Reference 85006 16225

Length 1m Altitude 282m Reserve No

Description Area of collapse above Pwllcoediog Farm

Condition Safe Found / Dug By N/A

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=2021-24



Name Nant Byfre Sink

Type Sink

 Survey Date
 26/11/2020

 Grid Reference
 85002 16485

Length None Altitude 228m Reserve No

Description Lost sink that can only be observed in low water. Water does not proceed

beyond this point when levels are low. Dye test connected rising with Gwyn

Arms Rising in just over 15 hours.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Dye tested in 1960s

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=2020-86







Name Ogof Coed Cae

Type Cave

 Survey Date
 10/11/2020

 Grid Reference
 84993 14681

Length 1015m Altitude 214m Reserve No

Description Upper Entrance to Ogof yr Ardd Condition On private land. Open hole.

Found / Dug By See Ogof yr Ardd

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=310

Ogof.org.uk http://www.ogof.org.uk/ogof-yr-ardd.html



Name Cave in Lower Byfre Northern Bank

Type Cave

 Survey Date
 26/11/2020

 Grid Reference
 84994 16500

Length3mAltitude230mReserveNo

Description Cave in bank above water level

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry



Name Powells Cave

Type Cave

 Survey Date
 10/11/2020

 Grid Reference
 84995 15355

Length 61m Altitude 272m Reserve No

Dug by Cyril Powell before 1945. A remnant of the OFD system.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Cyril Powell

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=308

Ogof.org.uk http://www.ogof.org.uk/powells-cave.html



Name Ogof Glan Byfre

Type Cave

 Survey Date
 26/11/2020

 Grid Reference
 84921 16568

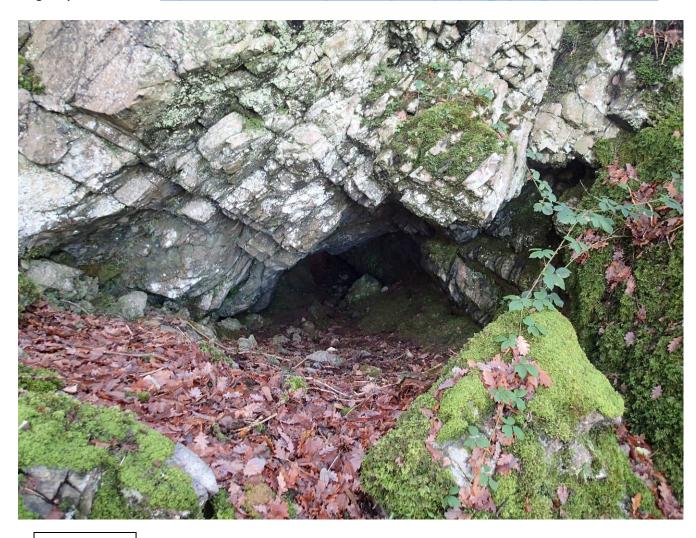
Length9mAltitude218mReserveNo

Description Found and dug by SWCC, a small cave close to the lower Byfre.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By 1956 - D. Jenkins, P. Harvey. Dug by J & G Clissold & Clive Jones

Registry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=1257



Name Ogof Pant Canol

Type Cave

 Survey Date
 26/11/2020

 Grid Reference
 84863 15316

Length 76m Altitude 234

Reserve Craig y Rhiwarth Nature Reserve

Description The entrance is situated in small cliff above the entrance to OFD 1. A small

cave which involves a tight squeeze and an underground lake which is

really a part of the OFD system with which it connects.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By E.J.Mason in 1942

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=307





Name Depression in Field

Type Collapse area Survey Date 26/11/2020 Grid Reference 84867 16373

Length2mAltitude232mReserveNo

Description A depression near Pwll Coediog sink which gets deeper each year.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Landowner

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=2021-26



Name Pwll Coediog Sink

Type Sink & Digs
Survey Date 26/11/2020
Grid Reference 84802 16337
Length Unknown
Altitude 223m
Reserve No

Description Two digs in a huge depression between Pwllcoediog Farm and the River

Tawe

Condition Loose rock near digs

Found / Dug By WSG 1960's, S & K Goodhead & B Woodley in 2000

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=301







Name Downey's Cave

Type Cave

 Survey Date
 22/07/2021

 Grid Reference
 84800 15351

Length 61m Altitude 223m

Reserve Craig y Rhiwarth Nature Reserve

Description The entrance is situated in a wooded slope above OFD 1 entrance. A small

cave of low and narrow passages which is really part of the OFD system with which it connects. Entrance buried at present and it may be re-

opened to confirm position.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By SWCC in 1946

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=305



July 2021 Name Ogof Ffynnon Ddu 1 Entrance

Type Cave

 Survey Date
 26/11/2020

 Grid Reference
 84790 15198

Length70KmAltitude202mReserveNo

Description Not the original entrance to OFD, but a slightly newer one dug to bring

the entrance onto Cyril Powell's land.

Condition Safe – gated and locked Found / Dug By Peter Harvey et al, 1946

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=304

Ogof.org.uk http://www.ogof.org.uk/ofd1.html





November 2020

Name Pen-twyn Farm Resurgence

Type Resurgence Survey Date 26/11/2020 Grid Reference 84745 14412

Length None Altitude 189m Reserve No

Description Spring near road. Possibly fed by Ogof-yr-Ardd and other small sinks, but

not proven. Has a very consistent flow, about one fifth that of Ffynnon Ddu. The temperature of its water (in summer) is usually 2 degrees C. above that of Ogof Ffynnon Ddu and Dan-yr-Ogof, indicating a short

underground flow path.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Water was reported by Dick Arculus & Colin Fairburn to emerge from a

narrow slot (perhaps with a black space beyond), following a dive there in

1969.

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=303



November 2020



Brendan Marris 2008 Name OFD Resurgence

Type Resurgence
Survey Date 10/11/2020
Grid Reference 84735 15058
Length Unknown
Altitude 188m
Reserve No

Description Main resurgence for OFD. It can be dived for some length, but does not

connect directly to OFD, allowing water through only.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=300





Brendan Marris 2010

Name Cartref Cadno

Type Dig

 Survey Date
 11/12/2020

 Grid Reference
 84700 16100

Length 10m Altitude 240m Reserve No

Description A cave near Pwll Coediog first dug in 1955. Mistakenly recorded as 'Careg

Cadno'. Not found after two attempts in 2020. GR listed is estimated using information from one of the original diggers. Return planned in 2021. Near the top of a small outcrop is a small cave which runs from South to

North. A passage runs Eastwards sloping down into the hill.

Condition Unknown

Found / Dug By Roger Smith, Keith Ball et al, September 1955

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=2017-124

Photo to be added once further Fieldwork has been completed in late 2021 Name Drag Tray Cave

Type Cave

Survey Date Not Yet Visited
Grid Reference 84689 15862
Length Unknown
Altitude 332m

Reserve Craig y Rhiwarth Nature Reserve

Description Cave near wall with drag tray near entrance

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry: http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr_registry_view.php?ID=2021-38



Sue Goodhead 2021

Name Cave 4 – Badger Hole

Type Cave

Survey Date 10/11/2020
Grid Reference 84641 15659
Length Unknown
Altitude 314m

Reserve Craig y Rhiwarth Nature Reserve

Description Cave in base of small cliffs above Craig y Rhiwarth. There is a through trip

here and this is a possible archaeological site, as it is within an Iron Age

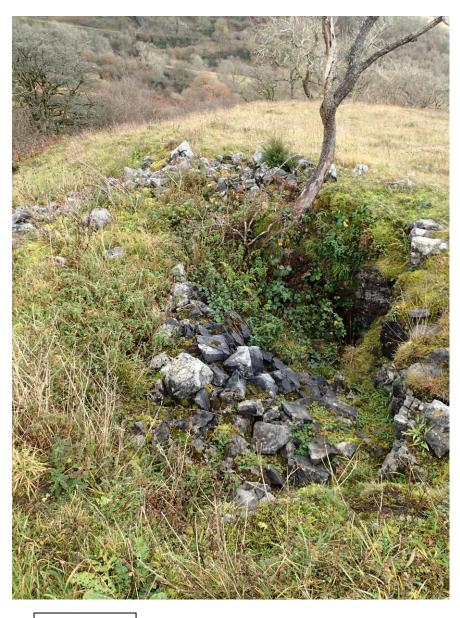
Enclosure

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By Unknown

Survey Allan Richardson & Brian Clipstone 2015

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1414



Name Cave 3
Type Cave

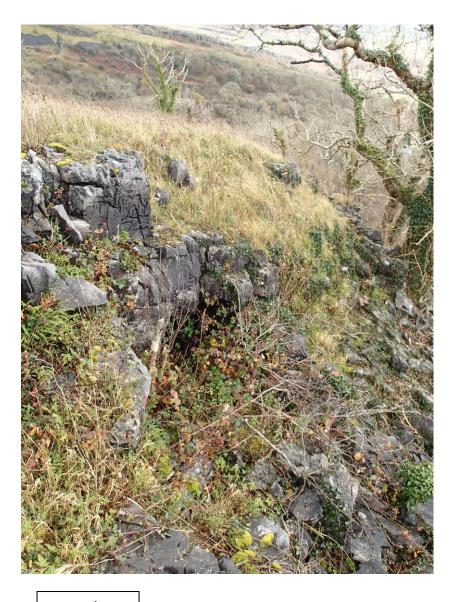
Survey Date 10/11/2020
Grid Reference 84619 15652
Length Unknown
Altitude 313m

Reserve Craig y Rhiwarth Nature Reserve

Description Cave amongst rocks

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1413



Name Cave 1
Type Cave

Survey Date 10/11/2020
Grid Reference 84573 15767
Length Unknown
Altitude 268m
Reserve No

Description Cave in base of small cliffs above Craig y Rhiwarth

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1411



Name Cave 2
Type Cave

Survey Date 10/11/2020
Grid Reference 84561 15775
Length Unknown
Altitude 318m
Reserve No

Description Cave that has been dug above Craig y Rhiwarth.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1412



Brendan Marris 2010 Name Eglwys Caradoc

Type Cave

 Survey Date
 10/11/2020

 Grid Reference
 84525 15822

Length 10m Altitude 296m Reserve No

Description A large natural rock arch and unroofed remnants of a large phreatic

passage, now screened from the valley by trees.

Condition Safe

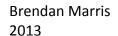
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1801





November 2020





Name Gwyn Arms Rising

Type Resurgence
Survey Date 11/12/2020
Grid Reference 84518 16108

Length N/A
Altitude 198m
Reserve No

Description A Rising on the riverbank, near the Southern Haffes confluence

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=299





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Name Badger Hole

Type Cave

 Survey Date
 10/11/2020

 Grid Reference
 84496 15812

Length 11m Altitude 288m Reserve No

Description A small cave 11m long blocked with mud.

Condition Safe

Found / Dug By SWCC, Roger Smith, June 1955

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=298



Brendan Marris 2013

Name Hospital Rising
Type Resurgence
Survey Date 26/11/2020
Grid Reference 84325 15698

Length None Altitude 205m Reserve No

Description Rising at base of Craig y Rhiwarth.

Condition Safe
Found / Dug By Unknown

Registry Entry http://www.cambriancavingcouncil.org.uk/registry/ccr registry view.php?ID=1255

